

REMARKS

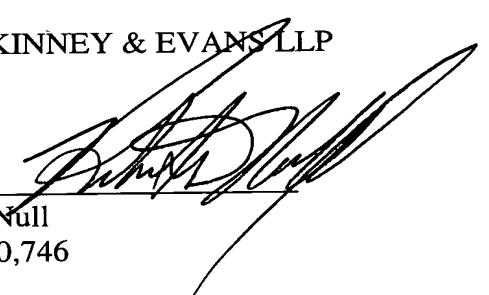
Applicants' representative appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the personal interview conducted August 10, 2004. As indicated in the corresponding Interview Summary, Applicants hereby respond to the Examiner's verbal Restriction Requirement by canceling claims 32-34 and 36-38 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 13, 18, 28, 35, 39, and 40 are presently amended. Claims 45-55, which all depend from independent claim 39, are new. Thus, claims 10-21, 28-31, 35, and 39-55 are currently pending.

Consideration of the pending claims leading to their allowance and passage of the application to issuance is respectfully requested. In the event there are any questions related to this amendment or to the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions directly in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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